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SUBJECT: SALT BRIEFING FOR NAC (SALT TWO- 673)

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1. WHILE I WOULD OF COURSE BE WILLING TO DO MY BEST TO BRIEF NAC AT THIS TIME IF WASHINGTON DEEMS IT ADVISABLE, THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE MADE AWARE IN ADVANCE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN NEGOTIATIONS HERE SINCE MY MAY 7 CONSULTATION WITH THE NAC. THE DELEGATIONS HAVE ONLY BEEN BACK IN GENEVA TWO WEEKS, DURING WHICH WE HAVE HAD FOUR MEETINGS, SINCE MY MAY 7 CONSULTATION, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THOSE MEETINGS. DURING THIS PERIOD SECRETARY KISSINGER OF COURSE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME PREMATURE TO GO INTO ANY DETAIL WITH THE NAC ON THOSE MEETINGS OR SPECULATE ON POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND BREZHNEV AT HELSINKI.

2. THE NON-TRANSFER ISSUE DISCUSSED IN THE PETRIGNANI

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PAPER HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY ADDRESSED IN WASHINGTON, AND

I DO NOT SEE WHAT I COULD SAY WITH RESPECT TO THE PAPER
BEYOND WHAT I SAID AT THE MAY 7 MEETING. THUS ANY BRIEFING
I MIGHT GIVE IN A MEETING WITH THE NAC WOULD BE THIN INDEED
AND THEREFORE MIGHT IN FACT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

3. I SEE NO REASON AMBASSADOR BRUCE SHOULD NOT IN HIS
DISCRETION PASS ON SUBSTANCE OF FOREGOING TO PERMREPS AT
LUNCH OR OTHER SUITABLE INFORMAL OCCASION, TOGRTHER WITH
WITH
COMMITMENT THAT I WILL, AS I HAVE IN THE PAST, BE PREPARED
FULLY TO BRIEF THE NAC AS SOON AS SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS
WARRANT. MY PRESENT ESTIMATE IN THAT THIS CERTAINLY WOULD NOT
BE BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST.
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